

State Water Resources Control Board

Summary: Pursuant to the Council's request at its August 2011 meeting, and mindful of ER P1 from the fifth staff draft Delta Plan, a representative from the State Water Resources Control Board will provide a brief presentation on the Board's processes to establish both regulatory flow objectives and non-regulatory flow criteria, and discuss the Board's ongoing and anticipated flow-setting activities relevant to the Delta and the greater Delta Watershed.

Background

The Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan contains in both Chapters 4 and 5, a regulatory policy—ER P1—addressing the need for the State Water Board to update flow requirements in the Delta and the greater Delta watershed in order to achieve the coequal goals. It recommends to the State Board an aggressive timeframe to accomplish these updates (by June 2014 to adopt and implement regulatory flow “objectives” for the Delta; and by June 2018 to develop non-regulatory flow “criteria” for high-priority tributaries in the Delta watershed). It also provides that, prior to these updates, the Council will use the State Board's existing regulatory flow objectives to determine consistency of covered actions that implicate flow; however, if by the end of June 2013, the State Board indicates that the updates cannot be achieved by the suggested timeframes, the Council will consider different approaches, and may amend the Delta Plan, to address flows with regard to covered actions and consistency with the Delta Plan.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: State Water Resources Control Board Delta Activities Update

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